



## Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 16 November 2021

### Membership of Scrutiny Panels and Working Groups

<b>Purpose:</b>	The Scrutiny Programme Committee is responsible for appointing members and conveners to the various Scrutiny Panels / Working Groups that are established. This report advises of relevant matters that need to be considered.
<b>Content:</b>	This report is provided to facilitate any changes that need to be made.
<b>Councillors are being asked to:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• agree the membership of Panels and Working Groups reported, and any other changes necessary.</li></ul>
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with Council report 18 October 2012, when current scrutiny arrangements were agreed, the Scrutiny Programme Committee is responsible for appointing members and conveners to the various Scrutiny Panels / Working Groups that are established.

#### 2. Proposed Revision to Current Scrutiny Panel / Working Group Membership

- 2.1 None

### 3. Road Safety Working Group

- 3.1 At the last meeting the Committee agreed to bring forward the planned Working Group to look at the issue of Road Safety. This topic was carried forward from the 2019-20 work programme. A convener and membership had been agreed, but this activity was delayed first by resources and then the onset of the pandemic. This Working Group has been arranged for 9 February 2022. The membership, as previously agreed, is shown below for information, and is subject to any changes agreed by the Committee:

**Labour Councillors: 3**

Philip Downing	Mike White
Terry Hennegan	

**Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 6**

Mike Day	Chris Holley
Wendy Fitzgerald	Lynda James
Kevin Griffiths	Susan Jones

**Conservative Councillors: 3**

<b>Steve Gallagher (CONVENER)</b>	Linda Tyler-Lloyd
Lyndon Jones	

**Uplands Councillors: 1**

Irene Mann	
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### 4. Guiding Principles

- 4.1 When determining membership / conveners or agreeing any changes there are some key considerations for the Committee:
- It is necessary for more than one political group to be represented on each Panel / Working Group.
  - These bodies also need to be of a manageable size in terms of team working and effective questioning.
  - To ensure that all political groups have opportunities and are engaged.
  - Good scrutiny practice places emphasis on respect for minority party wishes around both chairing of such bodies and the work programme.
  - Being fair and balanced in the appointment of conveners, when there is interest from more than one councillor, e.g. giving opportunity to those who have not acted as convener previously.
  - The Committee should reflect on the existing 'balance' of conveners to help inform future appointments.
  - A minimum of three members should be present at all Panel / Working Group meetings.

## **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:** None